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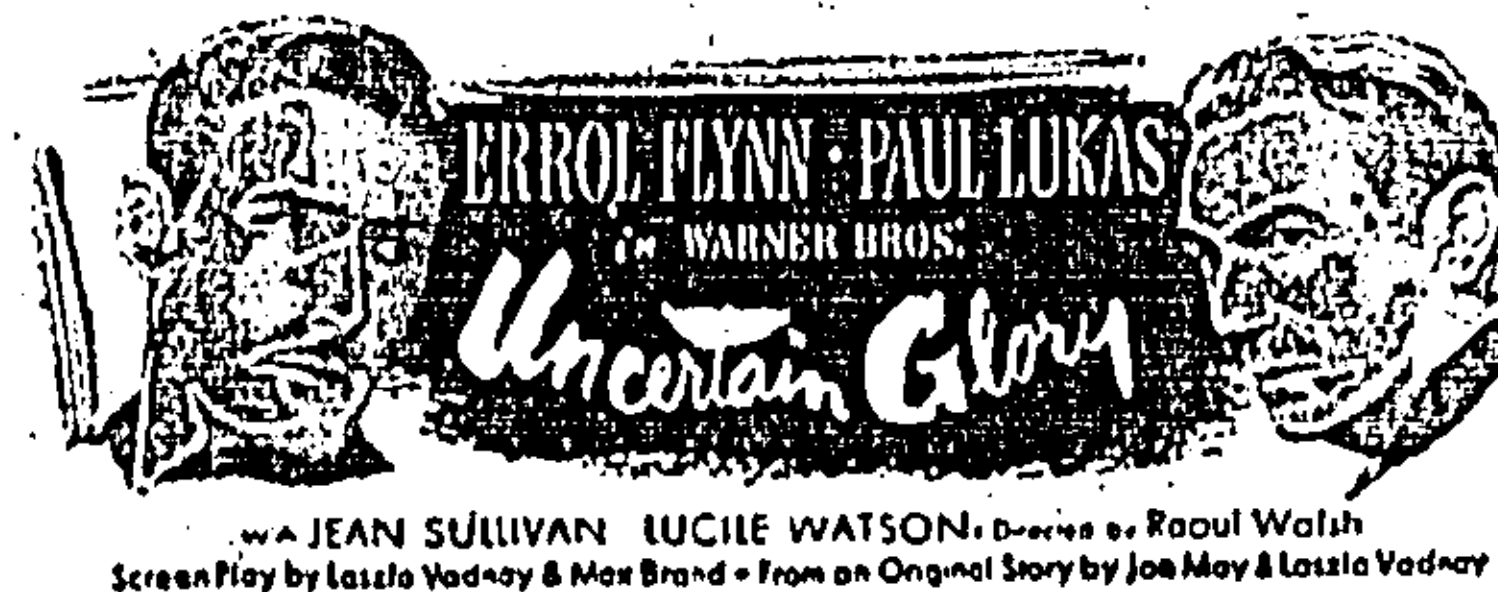
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Told for the first time today—the facts about
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Navy's £9,000,000 mystery ... by W. A. CRUMLEY.

THE honour of 1,700 fighting men and the captain they idolised is vindicated. For six years their battleship, Prince of Wales, has been branded as a "coward ship"—a giant which ran away after only ten minutes' engagement with the German Bismarck.

Today we know why. Britain's brand new £9,000,000 Prince of Wales was at the time not worthy of the name battleship. Her guns were hopelessly faulty and inaccurate. She had been hit by seven shells.

This skeleton, which the Navy believed forever buried, is dragged from an Admiralty cupboard in the October 17 issue of the London Gazette. It publishes the official despatches on the sinking of the Bismarck.

Cold-shouldered

THEY tell far more than the strategy of withdrawal; they explain why the whole fleet cold-shouldered the men of the Prince of Wales, why ugly whispers of chafed sailors and mutiny aboard the ship followed her 1,700 dejected men.

Let the men who sent the despatches tell their own story of what happened near the ice edge of the Denmark Strait, between Iceland and Greenland, on Saturday, May 24, 1941.

Explanation

THE CAPTAIN (he was John Catterall Leach) SAID: "Some explanation remains to be made as to my decision to break off the engagement (with the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen) after the sinking of the Hood—a decision which clearly invites the most critical examination."

"1. The practical certainty that owing to mechanical teething troubles a full output from the main armament (16-in. guns) was not to be expected."

"2. The working up of the ship after commissioning had only just reached the stage where I felt able to report to the Commander-in-Chief that I considered her reasonably fit to take part in service operations. This was the first occasion on which she had done so. The men serving the guns were immensely keen and well drilled, but inexperienced."

"3. The likelihood of a decisive concentration being effected against the enemy at a later stage."

"In all the circumstances I did not consider it sound tactics to continue single-handed the engagement with two German ships, both of whom might be expected to be at the peak of their efficiency. Accordingly, I turned away and broke off the action pending a more favourable opportunity."

Out of action

SO much for the breaking-off of action. At naval headquarters this was thought to be a temporary measure. So they sent this message:—

MOST URGENT. Admiralty to Rear Admiral Commanding, First Cruiser Squadron. What are your intentions about re-engaging with Prince of Wales?

Decision

THE REAR ADMIRAL (William F. Wake-Walker, later a knight and a Sea Lord), REPLIED: "I had seen the Prince of Wales forced out of

action after ten minutes' engagement, at the end of which her salvoes were falling short and had a very large spread indeed. She was shot of one gun, and her bridge was wrecked."

"She was a brand new ship with new turrets (of an untried type) in which mechanical breakdowns had occurred and were to be expected, and she had had a bare minimum for working up (to fighting efficiency)."

"I required an excess of speed to bring the enemy to action and I had no evidence that with the Prince of Wales reduced to 27 knots (by an underwater hit) I possessed it."

"My decision (to hang on to the enemy and ensure his interception by the Battle Fleet speeding out to engage the sinking of the Hood) was not an easy one. I appreciated that my force was superior in number and I appreciated the weight of the moral factors involved."

"I could not feel, however, that the Prince of Wales in her then state of efficiency was worth her face value or that my extra cruiser would counter-balance her weakness."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Sir Jack Tovey) ANSWERED: "After full consideration of the facts, I am of opinion that this decision was justified and correct. If powerful reinforcements had not been in the vicinity the problem would, of course, have been a different one."

Dry-docked

THE story ought to have ended there. But it did not. Admiral Tovey's despatches were secret then and the men of the Prince of Wales were cruelly misjudged. They were called the "P.O.W.s" who "ran away," and the rudest words of the Navy's "Destroyer" song, those about "no futile goal," were used in lower deck banter.

Prince of Wales officers found themselves coldly treated by some brother officers in the Fleet.

Plenty of hotels for sale —and they're cheaper

by ... BERNARD HARRIS

WHAT is there in Britain today available for purchase in greater quantity, more variety, and at a lower price than two years ago? The answer is hotels. And under that heading I include boarding-houses, country clubs, and roadhouses.

A leading West End estate agency tells me that they have on their books a list of hotels as long as your arm. Many of these are not officially in the market. But the owners have let the agents know that they are prepared to consider offers.

GET-RICH-QUICK MEN

The prices they have in mind range from £7,000 to £150,000. But only a few will achieve their figure. Others will be lucky to get within 20 percent of the price they want.

The price fall is specially marked with the short-season luxury hotel. After the war, petrichor and speculators rushed to buy hotels of this type on the basis of £1,000 a bedroom.

They were so convinced that a fortune was waiting that they hardly stopped to check the takings or the post-war earnings record.

To justify the inflated price they charged their guests 14 and 15 guineas a week—sometimes even more—for food, accommodation, and service which were often no more than eight guineas.

In the spending spree of the first post-war years they got away with these high charges. But the story has been very different. Though paper money is losing its value it still has to be earned. And it is not being earned so readily.

Towards the end of this season many of these high-priced hotels were two-thirds empty.

With their dreams of a quick fortune fading, some of the speculators are seeking to get out. They are finding that hotels for which they paid £1,000 a bedroom two years ago will not now fetch more than £700.

When prices are falling there are always other people who are prepared to sell lest the drop should go further.

"That is happening now. Mostly the would-be sellers are not reasoned hotel people. They are not the sturdy folk who are prepared to face a tough six months financially."

For, apart from the speculators, the hotel business has been invaded by a number of types.

They include furniture dealers who bought empty, derelict hotels fairly cheaply because they knew better than most how to refurbish them.

They include clothing manufacturers who had a "pull" with textile firms and could the more easily obtain curtains, carpets, and other furnishings.

And there is a sprinkling of stockbrokers and financiers who thought it would be fun to set up in the hotel business and had the means to gratify that whim.

AMATEURS GO

Some of these people have made a success. They have brought new ideas, new energy with them. But, for the most part, the "amateurs" have done the hotel business no good.

Maybe the people will have a better holiday next year now that the amateurs are making way for the experts.

For the buyers of the big hotels today are mostly men who have been in the business a long time, and are gradually working their way up from the ownership of one or two small hotels.

The small and medium-sized hotels are holding their value better than the luxury type. But here, too, there are plenty to be bought.

One reason is that some of the partnerships of ex-officers, based on wartime association, are not working smoothly.

One partner may have young children who run over the hotel and disturb the guests. The other, who has no children, says it is bad for trade and wants to stop it.

"They can't agree. Neither can buy the other out, so they decide to start afresh. The partnership is dissolved and the hotel put up for sale."

48-HOUR WEEK

Other hotels are coming on the market because the owners are worried about recommendations that all hotel workers must be paid enough to make them independent of tips.

Higher wages are not the only problem. Insistence on a 48-hour week means, for many hotels, a large increase in staff.

With the coming into operation of the Control of Employment Order that extra staff will not be easy to find.

There is the additional complication for short season hotels that workers who leave now may not be available for re-engagement next Easter.

For owners of hotels in outlying places a new headache has been caused by the abolition of basic petrol.

Some of these people, as well as owners of country clubs and roadhouses, depended for nearly 50 percent of their trade on motorists.

STILL PROSPEROUS

But there are compensations elsewhere. The ban on foreign travel and the inclination of more and more people to forget rationing and queues by going to live in hotels should ensure reasonable prosperity for most well-conducted hotels next year.

One expert gave me this formula for success: "The hotel-keeper must avoid three things—tax dodging, the black market, and the temptation to overcharge."

Then, by way of afterthought, he added: "And boiled fish."

Fish will figure increasingly in hotel menus over the coming months. The average guest will overlook a hole in the carpet or a darned tablecloth, but he will never forgive overcharging.

The test of the intelligent hotelier in 1948 will be his ability to scrip and save on the fat ration so that he can serve fish attractively.

With this, plus courtesy and good service, he should do well.



"What do you know, boys, I've been directed to work in the Mint!"

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

REMARKING that Rome was not built in a day, Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has begun to prepare for a third attempt to reach the moon by rocket.

In his laboratory at Waddingbury the other day he was busy among bursting retorts and smoking phials. As I entered he was pouring a hot black fluid through a small brass funnel into a bucket. He then bored a hole in the side of the bucket, and the fluid began to trickle out into a flat pan. Into the pan the sage plunged a kind of tuning-fork with a curved cardboard top. He added a few handfuls of sand to the liquid, and then emptied it all back into the bucket, having bunged up the hole with red clay.

'Tibetan Moonflower'

(XIII.)

IT was Eggham's hour. Never had he seen her in more yielding mood. He held her hand in his, and he was so accustomed to having it snatched away that he couldn't think what to do with it. So he pressed it meaningfully. Slowly she met his gaze, her large eyes, still as forest pools, seeming to en-

courage him to hope once more. "My Tibetan moonflower," he murmured drawing her towards him, "can it be that you love me at last?" Dingli-Poos, who was listening for Moompl's signal on the wall to say that time was up, did not answer. Eggham became more daring. His arms were round her. He was about to rain kisses on her upturned face when he heard the two low taps on the wall, which meant that Mr. D. J. Mince had arrived. Gently she repulsed the warrior. "You are so impetuous," she said. "It grows late. I must feed my canaries. Return tomorrow, dear Eggham." "For my answer?"

"Who knows?" she replied tauntingly. And she pushed him gently out of a side-door. Moompl immediately opened a secret panel in the wall, and in stepped Mr. D. J. Mince.

Atta, Museum!

THE visitor from Stockholm who wants us to brighten up our museums should join my campaign. For years I have been pressing for a dance band in the British Museum reading-room, fortune-telling booths and snake-dancers in the illuminated manuscript room, and ladies in lights riding two horses at once in the Natural History Museum.

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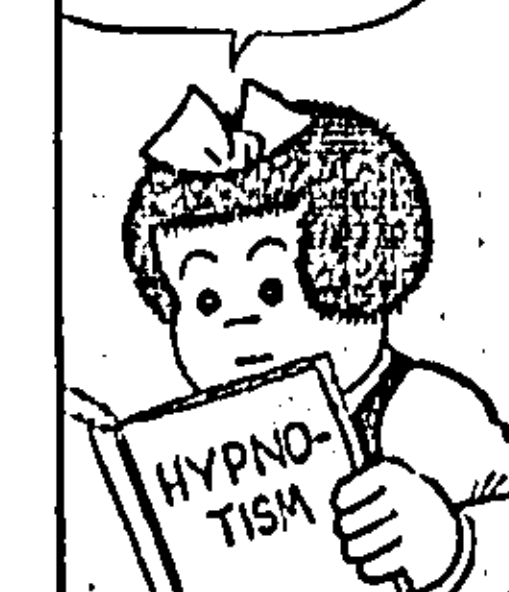
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They Have Good Word For Japan

Frankfurt, Nov. 2.—Representative W. Sterling Cole, Republican of New York, nearing the end of a global tour, said he regarded Japan as "the one bright spot in a dark world picture."

Representatives Walter Norblad, Republican of Oregon, and Charles Cason, Republican of Massachusetts, expressed agreement.

All are members of the House Armed Services Committee. The group spent several weeks in the Pacific and briefly visited Athens, Rome, Vienna, Munich, Berlin and Frankfurt.

"In Japan, the people have really put their shoulders to the wheel, accepted our guidance, and are now ready to run their own economy without our help as soon as conclusion of a peace treaty permits withdrawal of foreign armed forces," Cole said. "Everywhere else we find civil strife, economic shortages and everybody looking to the United States for assistance."

Norblad commented that it appeared to him "we have too many generals and not enough privates" in the Pacific occupation forces.

None would attempt to compare the European occupation with the Pacific because they had not been able to spend enough time in Europe to reach any conclusions.—Associated Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. England. 2. Sea-sickness. 3. Kiev. 4. Doctor Rene Laennec. 5. Burma. 6. To keep the fibres moist to avoid breaking.

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U. N. RESOLUTION ON INDONESIA NOT EFFECTIVE

BY ROBERT HENSLEY

New York, Nov. 2.—There was considerable scepticism among United Nations delegates this week-end concerning the possible effectiveness of the Security Council's latest action on Indonesia. Admittedly designed only to create conditions under which an eventual settlement could be worked out, the decision reached late on Saturday after weeks of debate nevertheless appeared to meet nobody's entire approval.

LOWER U.S. EXPORTS FORECAST

Washington, Nov. 2.—The President's council of economic advisers forecast a decline for the next several years of American exports and "export surplus," even under the Marshall Plan.

Their report to President Harry Truman said: "The amount of exports financed with government aid has ranged between two and three percent of our gross national product, and will be less in the future. Our general financial ability to support such a programme cannot be questioned."

The report pointed out that debtors nations can repay borrowed dollars only by increasing their export trade. This will necessarily "expose American industry to added competition, a test which must be faced."

Some outright gifts to meet emergency demands, however, will more rapidly qualify these countries for loans from the International Bank and private sources and more rapidly restore a well-balanced world trade.

In the long run, the economic restoration of Europe will benefit our own economy by enabling us to obtain more goods by advantageous trade.

"On the other hand, a cessation of foreign aid would force an economic re-orientation of Europe which would be detrimental to our economy," the report said.—Associated Press.

Palestine Plan

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Baghdad, Nov. 2.—"I confirm that the Lebanese, Syrian and Egyptian armies are massing on the Palestine borders now," declared Abdul Rahman Azzam, the Secretary General of the Arab League, here tonight.

"The Transjordan Army is on duty inside Palestine."

Bahman Azzam, who arrived here from Amman, added: "The Arab League has not appointed a Commander-in-Chief, but has appointed a Defence Commission to deal with the massing of troops, operations and the transportation of Arab armies."

"The Arabs have decided to save Palestine against any power attempting to implement partition, although the Arabs do not wish to use force against anyone."

The "Transjordan Army" referred to by Abdul Azzam is presumed to be the 700-strong British-ordered "Transjordan Frontier Force" which is recruited from the Arabs in Palestine and Transjordan.

Its headquarters were recently transferred from Zerka, in Transjordan, to Rosh Pina, in Eastern Galilee.

Units of the Force have been reported patrolling Palestine's northern border with Syria.

TRANSJORDAN SUPPORT

The Emir of Transjordan will give his full support to the decisions of the recent conference of the Arab League at Beirut on the defence measures "to safeguard the territorial integrity of Palestine," Azzam added.

An appeal to Iraq to collect funds to buy arms and ammunition for the Arab armies was made today under the names of an ex-Premier of Iraq, Hamdi Al Pachachi, and the President of the Iraq Parliament, Abdul Aziz Qasab.

In Cairo, a spokesman of the Arab League Press Office expressed surprise tonight at the statement made by Rahman Azzam, concerning the massing of Arab forces on the borders of Palestine.

The spokesman added that his office was unaware of any new development of a military nature made by the Arab League.

"So far as we know, the situation has unchanged on the Palestine borders since the Arab armies deployed there after the League Council's decision to 'protect' Palestine Arab taken at Beirut last month."—Reuter.

The resolution was finally adopted simply called upon the Indonesians and Dutch to try again, this time under the guidance of the three-nation United Nations Commission now in Java, to agree upon some practical means of making effective the Council's two previous cease-fire orders which failed to halt hostilities. It also suggested that troops be withdrawn to positions held on August 4.

The chief criticism levelled against the latest resolution by delegates with no direct interest in the matter was that it failed to recognise that reports from the consular officials in Batavia clearly laid the blame for failure of the previous cease-fire orders on the Dutch forces.

They believed that adoption of a carefully neutral resolution after receipt of such reports indicated a tendency among the colonial powers on the Council, with United States support, to disregard the strength of the Indonesian case. They felt that if this was made evident in such a preliminary decision, it also would show up in the eventual decision, which might come on basic political issues.

U.S. Stand Disappoints

Among those who had followed the case since the beginning, there was particular disappointment over the United States' attitude. They recalled that in the early days of the Indonesian Republic the State Department had given it considerable encouragement as shown by the American announcement of early this year that "the factor" recognition would be extended to the new republic.

This apparent tendency to side more with the Netherlands is said by informed sources to stem from the fact that during recent weeks the Indonesian matter, as far as the United States is concerned, has been entirely in the hands of the State Department's European experts instead of the Far Eastern officials who normally would handle it. Some officials in the Far East division frankly charged in private conversations that this was due to the United States' desire to solidify its anti-Communist front in Western Europe.

Another factor influencing delegates here to a gloomy view of the Council's latest order is that the Dutch, through their delegate, Eelco Van Kleef, have given notice that they still believe the United Nations has no authority to intervene in the dispute and will not feel bound to abide by any of its decisions they do not concur in.—United Press.

REFERENDUM FOR KASHMIR

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The first armed resistance came at Uri before Baramulla, which delayed the scheduled occupation of Srinagar, fixed for October 26, day of the Moslem festival of "Id". There was to have been a victory parade in the presence of the Governor General of Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah, on Monday, October 27, according to information received in New Delhi.

SURPRISE ATTACK

The first batch of Indian troops landed and launched a surprise attack on October 27 on the raiders' positions at Baramulla, inflicting heavy casualties. At that spot, the Indian Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Rai, was killed while his troops were withdrawing against outlying movements. They saved Srinagar, however, which has not yet been attacked.

The raiders and Indian troops entrenched around the Pattan-Baramulla-Kashmir road, but daily and repeated strafing by Spitfires of the Indian Air Force caused confusion to the raiders, led by experienced commanders who recently belonged to the Indian National Army of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Indian troops were reported to have arrived at the Jammu border by an overland route through Pathankot and Jammu, presumably carrying heavy arms including artillery. The hills surrounding Srinagar Valley often become snow-capped towards the end of November. Before this time, it is expected, the situation will be stabilised and the raiders repelled. One estimate mentions the raiders' casualties as more than 1,000 against a few Indian troops. Among the Pathan raiders taken prisoner, some were reported to be wearing Pakistan Army uniforms. Official quarters, however, were reticent.—United Press.



"Somebody threw some bubble gum into Old Faithful."

Incidents Mar Royal Wedding Rehearsal

London, Nov. 2.—Two incidents, both of them outside Westminster Abbey, marred the otherwise perfect timing and faultless precision of today's rehearsal of the royal wedding procession from Buckingham Palace to the Abbey.

DEPUTIES TO MEET IN LONDON

London, Nov. 2.—Against a stormy world background, the Big Four foreign ministers deputies will meet here on Thursday to attempt to resolve technical disputes aggravating major difference over the German and Austrian peace treaties, in preparation for the session of the Council of Foreign Ministers convening on November 26.

The Ministers themselves will try once more to find the long elusive European peace. On their efforts may hinge the prospects of international co-operation for years to come.

American diplomatic negotiators have privately acknowledged their pessimism over the chances of reaching an agreement which would put Germany back on its feet as an economic and political entity with a full role in Europe's reconstruction.

On the basis of remarks by informed officials, it is believed that the United States already has talked over with Britain plans for putting into effect a working economic, semi-political arrangement in that part of Germany under Anglo-American, and possibly French, control in the event of a continued Council deadlock.—Associated Press.

THE TREASURY PAYS OUT

London, Nov. 2.—Cheques for £100,000,000 will be sent out by the Treasury on November 10 as bulk payment for houses totally destroyed by bombing during the war.

The payments will cover about 140,000 properties, the War Damage Commission stated today.

The payments are at the rate of 45 per cent above the 1939 values to meet the rise in prices. Further bulk payments to be made later will bring the total up to about £170,000,000, paid out for 216,000 destroyed properties.—Reuter.

Radio Beam Was Wavering

Ketchikan, Alaska, Nov. 2.—The Coast Guard today revealed that the radio beam on Annette Island, where the Pan-American DC-4 crash last Sunday took 18 lives, was found to be wavering the day after the crash.

Neither the Coast Guard nor the Civil Aeronautics Authority would comment on the possibility of the beam having been wavering on the day of the crash.

Meanwhile, rescue crews recovered 16 bodies from the snow-covered mountainside. A heavy snowstorm hindered operations as they sought two more bodies in the crash area. Of the nine bodies found until noon, only four were reported to be identifiable. Four bodies were found when the wreck was first reached yesterday.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

6.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne Ambrose and His Orchestra sing 'Love Shout'." 7.00 p.m.—A Light Concert. 7.20 p.m.—STUDIO: "See Tees" Eye witness account of the crash. 7.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "The Touring Team." 7.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "I Like What I Like." Presented by Arthur Gee. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News. 8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Elizabethans." 8.45 p.m.—Favourite Singers. 9.00 p.m.—STUDIO: "Talk by Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S. J. 'Great Muncipians'." Handel. 9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Queen Hall Light Orchestra." 10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 10.10 p.m.—Weather Report. 10.11 p.m.—"Somebody Threw Some Bubble Gum into Old Faithful." 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

The first took place as leading troops of the Household Cavalry reformed for the return drive to the Palace.

As they came out of Tottill Street, the outriders failed to wheel round sufficiently to bring the escort into the correct alignment in front of the west door.

The officer in charge, his sword unsheathed, galloped across the roadway to halt the troops and manoeuvred them round into the correct line.

The second and more spectacular incident happened a few minutes later.

As the Irish coach, which on November 20 will take the King and Queen back to the Palace, moved off from the west door, a massive black horse, carrying Colonel Henry Abel Smith, who commands the Horse Guards, slipped on the greasy cobble as its rider was about to take up his position besides the coach.

Onlookers gasped as the fore and hind legs of the horse splayed out and it plunged to regain its feet.

Quickly Remounted

The colonel, his unsheathed sword still at a perfect "present," calmly sat his struggling mount until a civilian official ran out and grasped its bridle. Then he slid to the ground over its back and quickly remounted.

The re-forming of the procession continued uninterruptedly so far as not to spoil the time factor, and as soon as he was in the saddle, Colonel Smith galloped quickly after the State coach which was then disappearing into Whitehall.

The royal head coachman, Frederick Mellvee, who will drive Princess Elizabeth to her wedding, rehearsed his part "without a hitch," he said afterwards.

Hundreds of people lined the route and swarmed about the Palace gates to see the preview pageantry.

At least half of the spectators were children, mostly small boys out to see the 300 odd horses mounted by both police and cavalymen with their burnished swords.—Reuter.

Matching Margaret

London, Nov. 2.—The implied suggestion in a Paris newspaper report that Princess Margaret might marry King Michael of Rumania after the announcement that he was to attend the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten is not taken seriously in any responsible London quarters.

Little credence is attached here to the report printed in the right wing Paris paper, *Laube*, which stated that "already the question was being asked would Princess Margaret lose of Engl and wear the crown of Rumania."—Reuter.

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Britain Aims To Reach Agreement On Germany

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Brinn Robertson, British Military Governor, declared today that Britain aims to reach an agreement with Russia, France and the United States on the unification of Germany.

Gen. Robertson's comments are considered to be significant because they come at a time when most official circles admit that such an agreement is remote.

Observers believe that Gen. Robertson is paving the way for "reasonable negotiations" on the unification question when the Big Four Foreign Ministers meet in London late in November.

Robertson officially became the Military Governor this morning when Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas went into retirement.

Speaking to a German radio audience in his first weekly broadcast, Gen. Robertson called Germany's economy an integral part of Europe as a whole.

He said: "For this reason our aims in Germany are fixed within the framework of our aims in Europe. For example, we aim to see a united Germany because we hold that the future stability of Europe requires a united Germany."

"Moreover we aim to reach an agreement with our Allies over German problems, because we do not feel that peace in future will be safe unless there is agreement on this most vital of all problems."

He said to reconstruct Germany to a point where she can attain a more suitable standard of living, her economy must be revived.

He said this recovery would depend on the part the people themselves played in working for recovery and on the increasing production of the Ruhr coal mines on which the industry of all Western Germany hinges.

The aims of Britain for German recovery were listed as enforcing a level of industry plan, pushing Ruhr coal production to 300,000 tons daily in the immediate future and to normal peace-time 400,000 tons eventually plus, increasing exports to get new imports of both food and raw materials and, finally, to boost food rations to 1,800 calories per day.—United Press.

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